

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WERE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009 AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009, RESPECTIVELY.**

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 2:00 pm Wednesday, **August 12, 2009**, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **ABSENT:** Cortez. Ms. Vacek reported that Councilmember Cortez was on US Air Force Active Duty Training.

**1. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT.**

Mayor Castro called upon citizens registered to speak.

Dee Villarubia, Precinct 2095 Democratic Party Chairperson thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak on said item. She spoke in opposition to the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project due to issues with nuclear waste and its effects on the environment. She commended CPS Energy for keeping the rates low for taxpayers but noted the importance of protecting Mother Earth.

Mariana Ornelas representing Energia Mia spoke against the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project. She asked the City Council to research the opposition and not rely solely on the information provided by CPS Energy and City Staff. She noted the many pitfalls of nuclear energy and the benefits of renewable energy sources.

Charles Thompson stated that he was a registered professional nuclear engineer with 44 years of experience in the nuclear power field. He noted that he had been directly involved with the design and licensing of eight currently operating nuclear power plants and three new, standardized and certified nuclear plant designs. He stated that the completion of Units 3 and 4 of the South Texas Nuclear Project should be supported and that their design had been reviewed and approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). He added that they would have a much higher level of safety than earlier plants and would have no greenhouse or oxide emissions.

Jerry Morrissey stated that the United States was undergoing a time of economic uncertainty and that it was not a good time for taking risks with nuclear energy. He noted that the long-term energy demands were speculations and spoke of the need for energy conservation through the Save for Tomorrow Energy Plan (STEP) Program. He expressed support for Jeremy Rifkin's concept of the Third Industrial Revolution and spoke of the importance of investing in the technology of the future.

Antonio Diaz spoke against the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project noting concerns with uranium contamination. He stated support for other energy sources including solar power and of the importance of protecting the environment.

Cynthia Spielman stated that she was a Teacher and opposed to the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project. She spoke of the negative effects of nuclear waste and the missed opportunities to create green alternatives and jobs in San Antonio. She asked that all energy options be thoroughly researched before a final decision is made.

Diana Lopez spoke against the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project noting issues with uranium mining. She expressed concern that indigenous community land had been used as storage for nuclear waste and the lack of transparency and accountability from CPS Energy.

Cindy Weehler representing Energia Mia and the Consumers' Energy Coalition commended Mayor Castro for hosting the CPS Energy Forum on August 10, 2009 but expressed concern with the lack of information provided by CPS Energy. She stated that she was concerned with the large cost of the project and the limited information available to citizens.

Kat Swift stated that she worked with the local Sustainability Center and spoke against the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project. She expressed support for solar technology, noting research being conducted by MIT. She added that green technology should be utilized for sustainability and that other options should be explored including Geothermal Energy and the combination of solar and wind.

Fred Koechley stated that he had served in the United States Air Force and worked in the Energy and Advanced Technology Group for ten months. He noted that it was beneficial to research other energy sources but that nuclear energy was part of the long-term solution to meeting future energy needs.

Janet Ahmad spoke in opposition to the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project and expressed concern with the recent and future CPS Energy rate increases. She asked of the large data centers and if they were subject to the rate increases. She expressed concern with the risk of cost overruns on the project and stated that ratepayers should have the ability to vote on nuclear energy.

Eiginio Rodriguez expressed concerns regarding nuclear energy and spoke of the explosion that occurred at Medina Base on November 13, 1963. He referenced a letter from the NRC dated May 4, 2009 citing two Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements and spoke of the negative effects of nuclear waste.

Loretta Van Copenolle representing the Sierra Club provided a flyer entitled "Solar Energy: Ready for Baseload" and spoke of the benefits of solar energy. She referenced the nine solar plants built in the 1980's in the Mojave Desert that make up the largest operating solar installation in the world. Also mentioned was the Nevada Solar One Plant in Boulder City, Nevada that has a 64-Megawatt generating capacity and uses molten salts to store extra heat that can be drawn and used at night.

Karen Hadden of the SEED Coalition provided the City Council with a Compact Disc entitled "Everything you Always Wanted to Know about Nuclear Power but were Afraid to Ask" and spoke of the high cost of nuclear energy. She expressed concern with the cost overruns of the nuclear power plants in Japan and with the design of the nuclear reactor, noting that there was only one computer system with no designated back-up.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that nuclear energy would interfere with prophecy and spoke in support of solar energy. He expressed concern with the negative effects of plutonium.

Margaret Day representing the Sierra Club spoke of water issues related to nuclear energy and the water quality and quantity impacts of the South Texas Nuclear Project. She stated that CPS Energy had not fully explored all energy options and requested that the city organize serious dialogue regarding the pros and cons of the project.

Bill Wassberg stated that he had attended numerous meetings hosted by CPS Energy and that the greatest concern was in regard to the dispensing and storage of nuclear waste. He noted that there were numerous technologies available for recycling, compacting, and storage of nuclear waste. He commended CPS Energy for their great record throughout the country in keeping rates low.

Karen Weehler stated that she was an Environmental Science High School Teacher and spoke in opposition to the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project. She referenced Jeremy Rifkin and the Third Industrial Revolution and the numerous technologies that are now available to ratepayers. She noted that nuclear energy was an outdated energy source and not financially feasible.

Keith Lindsey stated that he was an Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Trinity University and a former Nuclear Engineer. He noted that policies and procedures of the United States Nuclear Industry were safe and sound and was not concerned with cost overruns to the South Texas Project. He expressed concern with the responses of CPS Energy Staff provided at the Forum held on August 10, 2009 and noted that he had not found any assumptions listed on the CPS Energy website as was conveyed to the public. He recommended that the City of San Antonio convene a Task Force similar to the one in Austin to determine the City's future energy direction.

Julia Hummel thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak on said item and stated that she wanted the last years of her life to be the best. She noted that she had been raised in rural areas with water wells, septic tanks and propane gas. She expressed concern with nuclear energy and fuel storage, as well as the associated rate increases.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, Director of Public Citizens Texas Office stated that nuclear energy was a cheaper energy source in the past but was no longer the case as of 2008. He spoke in support of renewable energy and noted various risks associated with nuclear plants including high cost overruns.

Ryan Rittenhouse representing Re-Energize Texas spoke of the hidden costs of nuclear energy to include degradation of Public Health and the environment. He noted issues with uranium, water contamination and safety related to nuclear power. He expressed support for other renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

Chavel Lopez stated that he was a Councilmember in Hondo, Texas and spoke against the expansion of the South Texas Nuclear Project. He noted that the City of Hondo purchased energy from CPS Energy and expressed support for solar and wind.

Councilmember Taylor asked of the role of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Steve Bartley of CPS Energy stated that the Committee consisted of one representative from each Council District and four at-

large members. He noted that they received briefings from CPS Energy Staff and their role was to provide input and communicate information to their districts. Councilmember Taylor asked of fires at nuclear plants built by Toshiba. Mike Kotara, CPS Energy stated that the fires were due to earthquakes and not safety-related. Councilmember Taylor asked of breakthroughs in technology related to the storage of nuclear waste. Mr. Kotara stated that there had been many strides in technology related to spent fuel and noted that not utilizing the technology related to recycling waste was a policy matter.

Councilmember Cisneros asked of the status of implementing Mission Verde Initiatives. Chris Eugster, CPS Energy stated that they had secured 850 megawatts of renewable power and were looking to expand their goal of 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy by 2020. He noted that CPS Energy would continue to purchase renewable power and was currently soliciting proposals for Solar Energy. Councilmember Cisneros asked of the decommissioning of STP Plants 1 and 2. Mr. Bartley reported that they were scheduled to be decommissioned in 2027 and 2028, respectively, but would be requesting a 20-year extension to 2048 and 2049, respectively. Bob Temple, CPS Energy explained that the extension would cost approximately \$150 million and take a year to complete.

Mayor Castro asked if the largest energy users were subject to the rate increases. Mr. Bartley confirmed that all rate classes were subject to rate increases. Mayor Castro asked of the latitude by CPS Energy to lower rates to accommodate economic development. Mr. Bartley stated that an economic development rate had been approved by the City Council and began at a low rate and was phased out within 5-7 years. Mayor Castro asked of NRC violations at Plants 1 and 2. Mr. Temple stated that the NRC routinely conducted inspection of the plants but had not received any firm violations. Mayor Castro requested a list of violations within the last five years. Mayor Castro also inquired of the impact of the rate increases to Senior Citizens and disabled ratepayers. Mr. Bartley stated that rates would be increased regardless of the energy options selected by CPS Energy but there were programs available to assist low-income ratepayers. Mayor Castro requested that the programs be enhanced and that additional funding be made available.

Mayor Castro asked of the feasibility and cost of utilizing Geothermal Energy. Mr. Bartley stated that they had researched said option but had not included it in the spreadsheet provided to the City Council. He noted that they would provide the information to the City Council. In response to Mayor Castro, Mr. Bartley stated that the answers to the questions posed at the CPS Forum on August 10, 2009 would be available to the public no later than August 20, 2009. Mayor Castro inquired of the number of years of rate increases and the monthly impact to ratepayers. Paula Gold-Williams, CPS Energy stated that the rate increase had been capped at 5% every other year for a decade regardless of the energy option selected. Mayor Castro asked of Solar Energy costs. Mr. Eugster stated that they utilized today's cost for future assumptions and could not predict solar prices in 2020. Mr. Bartley added that the decision made in Fall 2009 was not the final decision and hoped that the cost of renewables would decrease in the future. Mayor Castro asked of the possible investment of \$5 billion in conservation programs similar to the STEP Program. Mr. Bartley stated that the cost of energy efficiency could become very costly. Mayor Castro asked for a cost comparison between nuclear energy and energy efficiency.

Councilmember Clamp asked of CPS Energy Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). Mr. Kotara stated that there were no long-term PPAs for STP 1 and 2 but had been providing power to the communities of Hondo, Floresville and Castroville. He noted that they were pursuing PPAs for STP 3 and 4 to share the benefits and risks, and that it would be beneficial to invest at 40% in order to have veto power. He

added that PPAs would be utilized for 20% of the investment. Councilmember Clamp asked if the City's 14% payment from CPS Energy was included in all energy scenarios. Mr. Bartley confirmed that it was. Councilmember Clamp also asked of Geothermal Energy. Mr. Kotara stated that there were no commercially operational electric generation geothermal plants in Texas and that the geothermal resource was not as rich in Texas as in the Western United States. Councilmember Clamp asked of wholesale sales. Mr. Kotara stated that the profit margin was based on natural gas prices and was a volatile market.

Councilmember Medina asked of the funding allocated for weatherization programs. Mr. Eugster stated that approximately \$150 million was allocated toward weatherization through the STEP Program and that CPS Energy would work with the City to utilize the \$12.3 million in Stimulus Funds for low-income weatherization programs. Councilmember Williams asked that CPS Energy outline the rate increases if nuclear was not an option. Mr. Bartley stated that they would provide a bill analysis of rate increases at various consumption levels over the next 20 years and that the majority of the increase recommended for 2010 was to address capital needs.

Councilmember Ramos asked if CPS Energy was working with the City's Office of Environmental Policy in regard to nuclear energy and the Mission Verde Plan. Mr. Eugster stated that they had worked with Laurence Doxsey in reference to weatherization, transportation and other Mission Verde Initiatives but had not discussed nuclear energy. Councilmember Lopez asked of the initial investment of STP 1 and 2 and the assumptions for the proposed expansion. Mr. Kotara reported that CPS Energy had initially entered into a services agreement with GE but had since hired Toshiba and were negotiating a guaranteed fixed price contract. He spoke of the reputable subcontractors working with Toshiba and noted that staff was conducting monthly project meetings. Councilmember Lopez asked of their exit strategy if milestones were not being met. Mr. Kotara stated that on the engineering side, there were payment penalties for not meeting deadlines. He also mentioned that they received a project status during their monthly meetings. Councilmember Clamp asked of the status of renewable megawatt hours. Mr. Bartley stated that the goal for renewable energy was 1,200 megawatts by 2020 and had 800 megawatts under contract. He added that for every \$3 spent on nuclear energy, there was a commitment to spend \$1 on renewable energy.

Mayor Castro recessed the B Session at 4:38 pm to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of:

- A. Discuss legal issues related to tax abatements and economic development pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.087 (economic development).**
- B. Discuss legal issues related to the Police and fire Collective Bargaining Agreements, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).**

Mayor Castro reconvened the B Session at 5:10 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action. There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **August 13, 2009** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

**Item 1.** The Invocation was delivered by Fr. Lawrence Mattingly, OFM, Christ the King Catholic Church, guest of Councilmember David Medina, District 5.

**Item 2.** Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **ABSENT:** Cortez. Ms. Vacek reported that Councilmember Cortez was on US Air Force Active Duty Training.

### **Item 3. MINUTES**

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes for the June 19, 2009 Special Meeting of the City Council and the June 24, 2009 Budget Worksession. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The City Clerk read Item 4:

**2009-08-13-0632**

Item 4. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Ms. Sheryl Sculley presented the 2010 proposed budget and stated that there was a 5% budget reduction compared to Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. She noted that there were \$19 million recurring cuts that included the elimination of 334 positions but no layoffs were recommended. She reported that there would be 50 new Police Officers funded through the Stimulus Fund and 27 new Fire/EMS Positions. She explained that there was no Cost of Living Adjustment for civilian, uniform, or retired employees, and that Health Care Premiums would not be increased. She stated that the Financial Reserves would be maintained at 9% and the City Property Tax Rate would be decreased by 0.145 cents. She noted that the Automated Garbage Collection conversion would be completed in 2010 with no increase in the Solid Waste Fee.

Ms. Sculley spoke of the FY 2009 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment that generated \$23.5 million for the FY 2010 Budget. She stated that a City Council Goal-Setting Session had been held on June 24, 2009 and confirmed the following Financial Management policies: 1) Budgeted Financial Reserves at 9%; 2) Two-Year Balanced Budget; 3) Property Tax Rate maintained after final City/UHS-related reduction; and 4) Revenues and Fees set for actual cost recovery.

Ms. Sculley noted that there were 56 revenue sources identified for adjustment in the FY 2010 Budget generating an additional \$3.6 million in revenue. She reported that the Budget Innovation and Reform Teams had conducted Comprehensive Budget Reviews of the Public Works and Community Initiatives Departments resulting in efficiency savings of \$5 million, and that five additional reviews were scheduled in the Fall and Spring.

Ms. Sculley outlined the General Fund resources and noted decreases in Property Tax, Sales Tax, and CPS Revenues. She stated that the Property Tax Rate would be reduced by 0.145 cents and would bring the overall three-year reduction total to 1.285 cents. She explained that the City continued to provide tax relief to Senior Citizens and Disabled Property Owners and the exemptions would total \$30.8 million for FY 2010. She added that the Legislature had signed a new law in June, 2009 that provided 100% property tax exemption for Disabled Veterans that would total \$1.2 million in FY 2010. She reported that CPS Revenue was volatile and that the average monthly natural gas prices had significantly been reduced since 2008.

Ms. Sculley provided a summary of the General Fund Reductions, noting the elimination of 334 positions. She spoke of operational efficiencies through the reorganization of the Juvenile Offenders Program and the Economic Development Department. She stated that funding would be redirected from overhead to scholarships and programs for the San Antonio Education Partnership Program and that branch library staffing would be realigned so that all branch libraries would open on Sundays. She noted that travel would be reduced by a minimum of 50% across all General Fund Departments and the hiring freeze would continue into FY 2010 with an exceptions-based review process.

Ms. Sculley spoke of proposed FY 2011 Reductions to include unpaid leave for civilian personnel between the Christmas and New Year holidays, the collapsing of City Departments, and offering early retirement incentives. She reported that mandated service improvements totaled \$10.7 million and included costs for Fire Station No. 51 and the Mission Branch, Stone Oak and Roosevelt Branch Libraries. She spoke of General Fund Service Improvements to add 50 new Police Officers through Stimulus Funds and 27 new Firefighters to address extended response times north of the San Antonio International Airport. She explained that the FY 2010 Budget included \$2.5 million in new funding for the Haven for Hope Campus and \$1.7 million for Economic Development Initiatives for industry, commercial development, and targeted area investments.

Ms. Sculley stated that the FY 2010 Storm Water Budget totaled \$41.8 million and no rate increase was proposed. She reported that the FY 2010 Airport Budget totaled \$67.5 million and that the San Antonio Airport cost per enplaned passenger remained below that of comparable airport costs. She noted that enplanements had decreased by 7% in 2009. Within the Planning and Development Services Fund, she explained that enterprise fund expenditures had been reduced by \$4.9 million over the past three fiscal years and that 14 positions would be frozen in FY 2010.

Ms. Sculley provided an overview of the budget communication and spoke of the Budget Hearings being held in each of the Council Districts. She noted that the FY 2010 Proposed Budget Hearing would be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm and that the City Council would consider and adopt the FY 2010 Budget on Thursday, September 17, 2009.

Councilmember Ramos expressed support for the proposed budget but also expressed concern that there was no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) included for City Employees.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked City Staff for their work on the budget but also expressed concern that there was no COLA included for City Employees. He expressed his support for the automated recycling and garbage collection programs, as well as the Traffic Signal System Modernization Program. Councilmember Clamp expressed his support for the proposed budget and noted that he was pleased that a property tax rate reduction had been proposed for the third year in a row. He asked that City Staff provide options in regard to COLA's for City Employees.

Mayor Castro noted that cities across the United States were experiencing challenging economic times and would have to make difficult decisions and budget cuts. Councilmember Cisneros thanked City Staff for their work on the budget and recognized San Antonio for participating in the Alliance for Innovation Fiscal Monitoring Project. She spoke for the reduction of the property tax rate and in support of the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) Program. Councilmember Lopez spoke in support of programs for children and senior citizens and the efficiencies proposed for the SAEP Program.

Mayor Castro called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Jack M. Finger noted the minimal decrease in the property tax rate and spoke in support of budget cuts to various agencies funded by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Department. He expressed concern that Broadway Bank would not be paying for the closure of Cheever Boulevard (Item 6).

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern that City Employees would not be receiving a COLA and with the administration of Haven for Hope.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance setting the date, time, and location for the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed Budget. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Rodriguez recognized the McAllister Park Little League Baseball Team for competing in the Little League World Series and noted that the team's play would be televised on ESPN that evening.

The City Clerk read Item 5:

#### **2009-08-13-0633**

Item 5. A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING IMPROVED PORTIONS OF DORIE, MORNING VIEW, YUCCA, G, H AND I STREETS, FRANKS AND BOOKERTEE ROADS AND WHEATLEY

AVENUE WITHIN THE WHEATLEY HEIGHTS SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT BOUNDARIES, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

George Rodriguez stated that in 2008, Bexar County had approved the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex and that the Eastside Christian Action Group was awarded funds to develop the sports complex. He noted that a license agreement with the Eastside Christian Action Group had been approved by the City Council on June 18, 2009. He explained that in order to execute the agreement and to allow development of the sports complex, the City had to close the streets within the proposed complex area. He stated that there was no fiscal impact associated with said item and staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Taylor expressed her support for said item and noted that it was a great economic development opportunity for the entire City. She stated that it would encourage a healthy lifestyle for children and was a good use of the land. She recognized Bexar County for their partnership, as well as Frank Dunn and Porter Dillard of the Eastside Christian Action Group for their work. Councilmember Clamp asked if the site was a City Park. Xavier Urrutia explained that the City owned the property as part of the buyout and would be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department and leased to the sports group.

Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

The City Clerk read Item 6:

**2009-08-13-0634**

Item 6. A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING AN IMPROVED PORTION OF CHEEVER BOULEVARD NEAR TESORO DRIVE AND AN UNIMPROVED 18' WIDE ALLEY, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

George Rodriguez stated that Broadway National Bank requested the closure of an improved portion of Cheever Boulevard and an unimproved alley at the intersection of Nacogdoches Road and N.E. Loop 410. He reported that Broadway Bank would like to expand their existing campus and owned all of the abutting properties. He stated that the fee established for the closures was \$33,979 but no fee was being recommended since Broadway Bank would be completing \$520,000 in improvements to public infrastructure.

Councilmember Clamp expressed his support for said item and noted that Broadway Bank would be making much needed drainage improvements in the area. He recognized Jim Goudge, CEO of Broadway Bank.

Mr. Goudge stated that Broadway Bank was a locally-owned financial institution and that the plan was to expand their campus and consolidate their operations. He explained that there was currently a safety issue due to employees having to cross Cheever Boulevard to access the bank from the parking lot. He

noted that the motor bank would be moved north and they would build a five-story, 75,000 square foot facility worth approximately \$22 million.

Councilmember Clamp moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Councilmember Cisneros spoke of the creation of the Hemisfair Area Redevelopment Corporation (Item 22) and noted the unique opportunity to develop 90 acres of green space in the Downtown Area. She recognized the individuals that would be serving on the Board of Directors and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Councilmember Clamp noted that there would be no General Funds utilized for said project. Mayor Castro recognized the Board of Directors and stated that Hemisfair Park was a terrific urban space that would add a new dimension to the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

### **CONSENT AGENDA-Items 7-25**

Consent Agenda Items 8, 20 and 24 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke in support of the grant application from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This would allow continuance of health education and screening programs in the community surrounding Kelly Air Force Base.

Jack M. Finger expressed concern with the grant application to allow the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to become a National Public Health Accreditation Beta Test Site noting that it was voluntary but could become mandatory in the future (Item 15). He spoke in opposition to the professional service agreement with Raba-Kistner Consultants due to their campaign contributions to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Ms. Vacek read the following written testimonies.

Faris Hodge, Jr. wrote in support of the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex (Item 5) and the Cheever Boulevard closure (Item 6). He expressed concern that the contract costs noted in Item 7 were estimates. He wrote that the purchases in Items 8, 9, and 13 should be delayed due to the budget shortfall. He also wrote in support of the grants in Items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Ms. Vacek read a written testimony submitted by Mr. Randy Bear who wrote that the proposed approach for Hemisfair Park should be re-examined and that development should be focused as a park (Item 22). He wrote that the Downtown Area was in great need of a large green space for park activities similar to Discovery Green Park in Houston, Texas.

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

**2009-08-13-0635**

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES AND SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACTING BASIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$780,000.00, INCLUDING: (A) ANCIRA WINTON CHEVROLET FOR CHEVROLET PARTS AND SERVICE; (B) ANCIRA MOTOR CO., INC. FOR DODGE-PLYMOUTH PARTS AND SERVICE; (C) TEX DOOR, LTD. FOR FIRE STATION OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR PARTS & SERVICE; (D) ACT PIPE & SUPPLY FOR MANHOLE RINGS, COVERS AND GRATES; (E) ALAMO AG-CON EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR BROWN MOWER PARTS AND SERVICE; (F) PSI PLASTIC GRAPHICS FOR PRINTING OF LIBRARY BORROWER CARDS; (G) RELIANCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT LTD. FOR POTHOLE PATCHER PARTS & SERVICE; (H) ONE STOP SERVICES, INC. FOR WINDOW CLEANING; (I) MCCOMBS HFC, LTD (RED MCCOMBS FORD) FOR HONDA CARS COLLISION REPAIRS; AND (J) BBC AUDIOBOOKS AMERICA FOR BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC) AUDIOBOOKS APPROPRIATED IN THE FY 2009 BUDGET.

**2009-08-13-0637**

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$578,511.75 TO THE \$28,126,704.29 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 3D/INTERNATIONAL FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR UPGRADES TO THE SECURITY SYSTEM AND GROUND LEVEL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS THE NEW TERMINAL ROADWAY AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BE FUNDED BY THE PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE FUND.

**2009-08-13-0638**

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND/OR CONDEMNATION OF ONE PARCEL OF PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15 BURWOOD LANE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION 28 AS PART OF THE FIRE STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT; DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$393,900.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION, AVAILABLE FROM AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

**2009-08-13-0639**

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND/OR CONDEMNATION BY CPS ENERGY OF PRIVATELY OWNED REAL PROPERTY AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS BETWEEN THE EXISTING ANDERSON SUBSTATION AND THE WESTOVER HILLS SUBSTATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES, COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND RELATED APPURTENANCES LOCATED ALONG ROGERS ROAD, SH 151, AND WEST LOOP 1604, BEING OUT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 48, NCB 17642, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, NCB 17640, CB 4414, AND CB 4400, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 FOR THE EXPANSION

AND OPERATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE ANDERSON TO WESTOVER HILLS PROJECT.

**2009-08-13-0640**

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SEVEN-YEAR LEASE FROM CENTERVIEW MARKETPLACE, L.P., FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 4410 PIEDRAS DRIVE, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, FOR USE BY THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, FOR AN INITIAL ANNUAL RENT OF \$188,108.75 AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM CENTERVIEW MARKETPLACE, L.P., FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR ONE-TIME MOVING AND IT COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$180,000.00.

**2009-08-13-0641**

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A 90-DAY LICENSE AGREEMENT ALLOWING OPERATION HOMEFRONT, INC. TO USE THE FORMER K MART BUILDING LOCATED AT DURANGO AND SANTA ROSA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 FOR A MONTHLY FEE OF \$10.00.

**2009-08-13-0642**

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR \$184,587.44 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE 2008 BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROGRAM TO PREVENT, RESPOND AND RECOVER FROM ACTS OF TERROR AND NATURAL DISASTERS.

**2009-08-13-0643**

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$285,000.00 FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO CONTINUE A HEALTH EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE FORMER KELLY AIR FORCE BASE.

**2009-08-13-0644**

Item 16. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,280.00 FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD TO ALLOW THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO BECOME A NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BETA TEST SITE IN ADVANCE OF THE OFFICIAL 2011 LAUNCH OF A NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

**2009-08-13-0645**

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$300,000.00 FOR INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES FROM THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.

**2009-08-13-0646**

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$400,000.00

FROM THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS OPERATION GRANT FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.

2009-08-13-0647

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$90,000.00 FROM THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATED GRANT FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.

Item 21. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, OR, IN THE EVENT EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NOT RECEIVED, TEN DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT:

- A. REAPPOINTING DAVID VILLYARD (DISTRICT 9) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- B. REAPPOINTING MARISSA N. GARZA AND APPOINTING CRISTINA M. ROSALES (DISTRICT 6) TO THE SAN ANTONIO YOUTH COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- C. REAPPOINTING RUBY M. JOHNSON (DISTRICT 6) TO THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- D. REAPPOINTING JESSE ZUNIGA (DISTRICT 6) TO THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- E. REAPPOINTING VICTOR A. LANDA (DISTRICT 6) TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- F. APPOINTING SUSAN KAY FILYK (DISTRICT 8) TO THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- G. APPOINTING ROBERT R. RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 8) TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- H. REAPPOINTING MARK JOHNSON (DISTRICT 8, CATEGORY: REAL ESTATE/BUILDING INDUSTRY) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

- I. REAPPOINTING LUCIO J. CANTU (DISTRICT 8, CATEGORY: TRUSTEE) TO THE SAN ANTONIO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. (D/B/A SOUTH TEXAS BUSINESS FUND) FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- J. REAPPOINTING VERONICA R. GARCIA (DISTRICT 6) TO THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- K. REAPPOINTING JEFFREY E. KANTOR (DISTRICT 6, CATEGORY: TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH) TO THE BROOKS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 4, 2010.
- L. REAPPOINTING VERONICA R. GARCIA (DISTRICT 6) TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS EDUCATION FACILITIES CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 15, 2010.
- M. REAPPOINTING JOSEPH L. MLODZIANOWSKI (DISTRICT 9, CATEGORY: LAYPERSON) TO THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- N. REAPPOINTING TIM TALBERT (DISTRICT 9) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- O. REAPPOINTING CAROL MARLER (DISTRICT 9) TO THE SAN ANTONIO COMMISSION ON LITERACY FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

**2009-08-13-0025R**

Item 22. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE "HEMISFAIR AREA REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION" TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING, DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING, MANAGING AND FINANCING PROJECTS WITHIN HEMISFAIR PARK AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA; APPROVING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS; AND APPOINTING ELEVEN MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION.

**2009-08-13-0649**

Item 23. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO (UTHSC) TO PROVIDE THE SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH ADDITIONAL EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE UTHSC MONIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR USE, TO BE FUNDED BY THE 2009 SOUTHWEST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (STRAC) GRANT.

**2009-08-13-0651**

Item 25. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO STANDBY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS, EACH IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$350,000.00, WITH HARTNETT ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, INC. AND RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR STANDBY LANDFILL COMPLIANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES, FOR AS-NEEDED PROJECTS IN VARIOUS COUNCIL DISTRICTS, FUNDED BY THE SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND.

**[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2009-08-13-0636**

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING FOUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH GEOSTRATA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.; MEDINA CONSULTING COMPANY INC.; WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC.; AND URS CORPORATION FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND RELATED PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF EACH CONTRACT BY \$500,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00 FOR EACH CONTRACT.

Councilmember Chan recused herself from Item 8 by exiting the Council Chambers and noting that she had submitted the recusal forms to the City Clerk.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, and Clamp. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Chan. **ABSENT:** Cortez and Mayor Castro.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2009-08-13-0648**

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$475,000.00 FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PASS-THROUGH GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, THROUGH THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO FUND ACTIVITIES SUCH AS RECYCLING EDUCATION, RECYCLING PROGRAM EXPANSION AND SOLID WASTE STREAM REDUCTION.

Councilmember Cisneros expressed her support for said item and noted that San Antonio had been recognized as the third most friendly recycling program in the nation by Men's Health Magazine. David McCary spoke of the recycling opportunities for multi-family dwellings and noted that discussions with landlords and tenants had been productive. Councilmember Ramos asked of the City Park Public

Facilities Recycling Initiative. Mr. McCary reported that the city was receiving \$100,000 and would research containers that would match aesthetically with the parks. Councilmember Ramos asked that Solid Waste and Parks and Recreation work together to determine the best recycling option for Southside Lions Park and other parks within District 3. Councilmember Rodriguez thanked the Solid Waste Department for their work on automated services and the increase in recycling. He noted the new recycling program to be implemented at Woodlawn Lake and stressed the importance of educating the community. Councilmember Cisneros spoke of the Hazardous Household Waste event that would be held at the Alamodome on September 19, 2009. Mayor Castro expressed his support and stated that he looked forward to progress on the recycling program.

Councilmember Clamp moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2009-08-13-0650**

Item 24. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH GREENSTAR, NA (FORMERLY VISTA FIBERS) TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES, INCREASING THE RATE FROM \$30.00 PER TON TO \$35.25 PER TON AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT AT THE AMENDED RATE, FUNDED BY THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATING FUND.

Councilmember Ramos asked of issues with Greenstar. David McCary stated that the Health and Solid Waste Departments had been working collectively with the community to resolve issues and that Greenstar had done their due diligence. Councilmember Ramos requested that staff continue to work closely and communicate with the affected community. Mayor Castro asked of the contract with Greenstar. Mr. McCary explained that there were minimum guaranteed revenues included in the agreement and that there would be no changes to the net revenues. He noted that the commodities market would have a higher resale value and provide more return on the city's investment. In response to Councilmember Williams, Mr. McCary stated that even though the rate was being raised, it was still below what the City was receiving for the commodities.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 11:36 am and stated that the meeting would resume at 6:00 pm for Citizens to be Heard.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 6:02 pm and called upon individuals registered to speak.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern with recent changes in the Purchasing and General Services Department. He spoke of the seven-headed lion referenced in the Book of Revelations and Babylon the Great.

Rhett Smith asked of the budget impact to children and expressed concern with the names of various streets and buildings including Stonewall Jackson and Mirabeau B. Lamar.

Anne-Marie Fanchier stated that she was a resident of District 7 and expressed concern with the parking of oversize vehicles in her neighborhood. She noted that she had been working closely with the SAFFE Officer and with Code Compliance Officers but concerns still needed to be addressed. She spoke of the large discrepancies between the fines when there is no signage and with signs erected. She stated that she would be willing to fund the signage from her personal funds.

Nick Calzoncit stated that he had been recognized by President Bill Clinton and the World Health Organization for his public access program entitled "World Peace." He invited the Council to be guests on the show.

Damon Mason expressed concern with the traffic congestion in the city and the VIA Metropolitan Transit System. He outlined his recommendations for utilizing rail street cars in San Antonio.

Raymond Zavala expressed support for the revitalization efforts at Hemisfair Park and noted his concerns with the purchase of Sport Utility Vehicles by the Purchasing and General Services Department. He stated that bike lanes were striped too wide and took up too much of an area on city streets.

Faris Hodge, Jr. expressed concern with the bicycle lanes on Rigsby Street because the street was not wide enough and there was insufficient lighting. He also expressed concern with the bonuses provided to Milton Lee of CPS Energy and the salary increase for the City Manager. He spoke in opposition to the 600 vehicles purchased by the city and the unnecessary carpet replacement in various offices at City Hall. He spoke of a gang fight that occurred in front of City Hall and noted that the city needed additional Police Officers. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Castro for hosting the CPS Energy Forum on August 10, 2009 and stated his opposition to nuclear energy.

Jack M. Finger expressed concern with nuclear energy and spoke of the large amount of energy utilized by data centers. He stated that the large demand for energy was due to the data centers and was against the incentives provided to these entities.

Dan Arellano stated that he was dressed as Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara, the President of the first Texas Republic created on April 6, 1813. He noted that August 18, 2009 would be the 196<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the largest battle in Texas and invited all to attend the Battle of Medina Memorial Service that would be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 in the community hall next to Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel Catholic Church in Losoya, Texas. He added that Dolorosa Street was named for the pain and anguish that the community suffered.

Emilio Vasquez spoke of several aircrafts in the sky that were emitting green and red lights that he recently observed and stated that Unidentified Flying Objects were attracted to the area near his home.

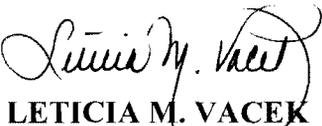
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

A P P R O V E D



**JULIÁN CASTRO**  
MAYOR

Attest:   
**LETICIA M. VACEK**  
City Clerk